

REMARKS

Claims 75-81 and 83-133 are now pending in the patent application.

The 35 USC §101 Rejection

The independent claims are rejected under 35 USC §101 as failing to recite statutory subject matter.

Claim 75 is amended to recite a method comprising: storing a signal containing information about an active ticket in a mobile terminal for use by a mobile terminal user; and dynamically changing a ticket multimedia validation feature of the ticket characteristic of the active ticket in response to a control signal.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 75 and 106 recite a modification or transformation made to an active ticket signal stored in a mobile terminal to change a validation status of the active ticket based on a received control signal. The method of claim 75 clearly recites how to transform an active ticket signal from one validation status to another validation status. In other words, it is respectfully submitted that claim 75, as amended, recites statutory subject matter under 35 USC §101 because it recites steps that modify or transforms a ticket multimedia validation feature of an active ticket in response to a control signal. In effect, the claimed invention transforms an article of manufacture from one state to a different state.

The other independent claims are amended to contain similar limitations and are deemed to recite statutory subject matter for all the same reasons.

The 35 USC §112 Rejection

The claims are rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite.

Consistent with that discussed above, the term "ticket characteristic" is replaced in the claims with the language "ticket multimedia validation feature" which it is respectfully submitted is not indefinite, but instead is associated with a functional feature, e.g. validation. In particular, claim 75 is amended to recite that the method comprises storing a signal containing information about an active ticket in a mobile terminal for use by a mobile terminal user, said stored active ticket having a validation status; receiving a control signal from a ticket service provider; and in response to the received control signal, dynamically changing a ticket multimedia validation feature the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal, for indicating a change in the validation status of the active ticket, wherein said ticket multimedia feature comprises multimedia data being used for the active ticket verification by a ticket inspector. In response to the point raised in paragraph 9, it is respectfully submitted that in the amended claim 75 the language recites that the control signal is received. Consistent with that discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 75, as amended, particularly points out and distinctly claims the present invention in accordance with the requirements of 35 USC section 112, second paragraph.

The other independent claims are amended to contain similar limitations and are also deemed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention for all the same reasons.

The 35 USC §103 Rejection

Claims 75-133 are rejected based on a proposed combination of Lee in view of Izumoto.

To the extent that the rejection might be applied to the main independent claims, as amended, it is respectfully traversed because the cited prior art documents do not disclose, teach or suggest dynamically changing a ticket multimedia validation feature of an active ticket based on a received control signal.

For example, the e-ticket changes described by Lee et al ([0038] - [0039]) merely relate to changing ticket information (e.g., departure date) or cancelling the ticket. Lee [0026] discloses that it is preferable that the ticket server includes an encryption program and the terminal includes a decryption program for encrypting the e-ticket and related information. One of the advantages of the invention (page 9, lines 9 - 12), at least according to an example embodiment, is to avoid the need of handling cryptographic keys at the terminal side.

It is respectfully submitted that Izumoto does not make up for this deficiency in Lee. For example, in Izumoto the IC card itself is read and verified at a ticket gate terminal 4 (Figure 1) to determine whether the user may enter (See Izumoto, paragraph 107). Moreover, Izumoto's IC card is not such an active ticket having such a ticket multimedia validation feature that may be dynamically changed in response to a control signal, as claimed.

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The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from the main independent claims, contain all the limitations thereof, and are deemed patentable for all the same reasons.

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Reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully requested.

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